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Attorney Docket Number	10839-31939
First Named Inventor	Kenneth R. Black
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	09/747,353
Filing Date	December 21, 2000
Group Art Unit	2152
Examiner Name	Not Assigned

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

System and Method for Adding Transport Protocols in Distributed Middleware Applications

the specification of which (Title of the Invention)

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Application Number 09/747,353 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable)

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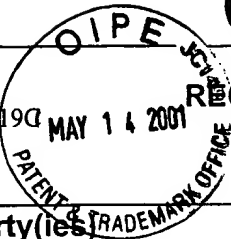
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **KENNETH R. BLACK**, a citizen of the United States, residing at 5017 Log Cabin Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33810; **ROBERT M. JENSEN**, a citizen of the United States, residing at 4406 Log Cabin Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33810; **JORGE E. RODRIGUEZ**, a citizen of the United States, residing at 716 Spanish Main Drive, Apollo Beach, Florida 33572; and **JONATHAN J. CURREY**, a citizen of the Great Britain, residing at 515 Young Place, Lakeland, Florida 33803; (hereinafter **ASSIGNORS**) have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in a patent application entitled "**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ADDING TRANSPORT PROTOCOLS IN DISTRIBUTED MIDDLEWARE APPLICATIONS**", filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 21, 2000, and assigned Application Serial No. **09/747,353**; and

WHEREAS, **HIGHLANDER ENGINEERING COMPANY**, a corporation of the State of Florida having a principal place of business at 206 East Pine Street, Lakeland, Florida 33801-4967, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of Five Dollars (\$5.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which they hereby acknowledge, the **ASSIGNORS** by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto **HIGHLANDER ENGINEERING COMPANY**, the full, exclusive and entire right, title, and interest in and to said patent application, and in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in said patent application;

For the same consideration, **ASSIGNORS** do sell, assign, and transfer to **HIGHLANDER ENGINEERING COMPANY**, the full, exclusive, and entire right, title and interest in and to any foreign application or applications corresponding to said patent application, in whole or in part, in countries other than the United States, in and to any Letters Patent and similar protective rights granted on said foreign applications, and in and to the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said foreign applications under the terms of

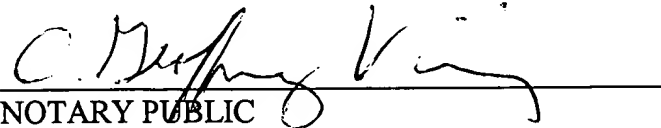
any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations; said foreign applications to be filed and issued in the name of **HIGHLANDER ENGINEERING COMPANY** or its designee insofar as permitted by applicable law.

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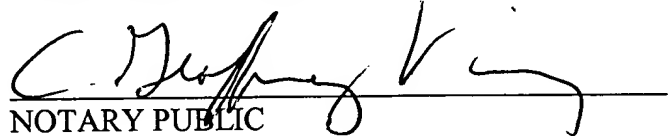
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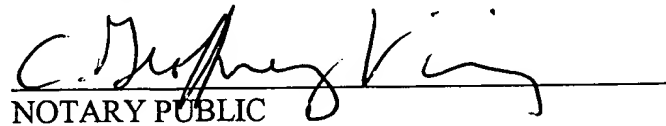
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